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TITLE: SEAL DEVICE FOR A COOKING UTENSIL CALLED A COUSCOUS PAN

Preliminary Amendment: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended) Seal device for a cooking utensil called couscous pan for preparing couscous, ~~including~~ comprising:

a lower part ~~(30)~~ having ~~the~~ a shape of a pan and an upper part ~~(31)~~ having ~~the~~ a shape of a receptacle with a bottom with holes, ~~characterized in that it consists of ; and~~

a strip ~~(2)~~ of natural or synthetic plastic, shaped into a tube portion, aimed at externally covering ~~the~~ a junction area ~~(J)~~ between the upper part ~~(31)~~ and the lower part ~~(30)~~ of ~~the~~ a couscous pan ~~(3)~~.

2. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it includes~~ further comprising means ~~(23) capable of~~ for allowing its adapting to upper parts ~~(31)~~ of varying shapes.

3. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein said means ~~capable of~~ for allowing its adapting to upper parts ~~(31)~~ of varying shapes ~~consist~~ is comprised of at least one external peripheral groove ~~(23) or the like~~.

4. (Currently amended) Device according to ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~
~~it includes;~~ Claim 1, further comprising, externally, gripping means ~~(22)~~.

5. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said
gripping means ~~consist~~ is comprised of tongues ~~(22)~~ protruding outwardly.

6. (Currently amended) Device according to ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~
~~it is made~~ Claim 1, said pan is comprised of latex or a similar synthetic material.